

# Water/Brawley/Church Walk 0.8 miles

- 1 1475 Water** Built in 1905, the Congregational Beth Israel Synagogue served the local Jewish congregation until 1985. It now houses the Portage County Historical Society Museum (344-4423).
- 2 1504 Water** Started in 1875 as a boarding house for sawmill workers, it became a hotel in 1884.
- 3 1528 Water** Built around 1895, this home is almost perfectly preserved. The front porch is in the Queen Anne style with turned posts and spindles, railings, and intricate brackets.
- 4 1536 Water** This 1857 house is the only New England Colonial house left in Stevens Point. Distinguishable features are the high-pitched gables, small-pane upper windows, and very thick walls.
- 5 1100 Brawley** ("*Dreams of Yesteryear*" Bed and Breakfast) Built in 1901, this grand home was in the Jensen family for over 100 years. Notice the complicated Queen Anne roof, Tuscan columns, and unusual stair-step windows.
- 6 1101 Brawley** Charles Van Hecke built this home in 1903 to accommodate his family of 13 children. He sold wagons, buggies, and farm machinery.
- 7 1700 Strong's** ("*Turning Point Dance*") This colorful church, built in 1893 as the place of worship for the Norwegian Lutheran community, has now been converted to a dance studio.
- 8 1587 Church** A uniquely L-shaped home with remarkable keystones over the windows and doors, it was built in 1876. Severely damaged by the 1908 cyclone, it was rebuilt the same year.
- 9 1574 Church** Built around 1860, this home is perhaps the oldest in its neighborhood. The first owner founded and edited *Hungerford's Real Estate Journal* from 1879 until 1886.
- 10 1549 Church** This 1885 Italianate house was the parsonage for the city's Presbyterian ministers and their families for about 60 years. Later converted into a "tourist camp" or hotel for travelers, it is now a private residence.

- 11 1532 Church** With its simple cube shape, wide overhanging eaves, and heavy moldings above the windows, this house is built in true Italianate style, patterned after country villas in Italy. The first owner, Richard Cook, came from England and ran a foundry at the west end of Main Street.
- 12 1417 Church** (*Church of the Intercession*) This beautiful, historic 1894 Episcopal Church replaced the original 1853 church, which stood one block north and was the oldest church in the city. Notice the buttressed-stone, steeply pitched slate roof, tall corner bell tower, and the striking red door.

Returning to the starting point gives a 1 1/4-mile walk

